

## *If This Man*

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If this man with hairy ears, ears  
sprouting—not like an old man,  
stiff from the ear-holes, but  
like an animal, soft fur from the  
flesh that circles and rises—if  
this man were to know I am watching  
sunlight glow in the hair of his ears  
and thinking how in all my life I have  
never seen human ears like this,  
what would he think of me?